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SUBJ: PRC SEIZURE OF ROK FISHING BOAT

REF: A. SEOUL 4712 (080645Z JUN 77), B. SEOUL 4783 (090832Z JUN 77), C. SEOUL 4953 (150601Z JUN 77)

SUMMARY: BRITISH REFUSE TO INQUIRE FOR KOREANS IN PEKING CONCERNING FISHING BOAT CAPTAIN ABDUCTED BY CHINESE. END SUMMARY.

1. IAN SLOANE, UK EMBASSY OFFICIAL, INFORMED EMBOFF JUN 16 THAT HMG HAS DECIDED TO DECLINE ROKG REQUEST FOR THEIR GOOD OFFICES (REPORTED REF B) IN MAKING INQUIRIES CONCERNING, AND ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF, KOREAN FISHING BOAT CAPTAIN PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN ABDUCTED JUNE 5 BY THE CHINESE. SLOANE SAID HE PLANNED TO COMMUNICATE THIS DECISION TO CONFIDENTIAL

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ROK MOFA JUNE 16, AND TO SUGGEST ON HMG INSTRUCTIONS THAT THE KOREANS ATTEMPT TO WORK THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS (IRC) OR SOME OTHER THIRD PARTY.

2. ACCORDING TO SLOANE, HMG BELIEVES THAT IN LIGHT OF INTERESTS IN HONG KONG, IT WOULD BE IMPRUDENT FOR UK TO PLAY ANY ROLE REPRESENTING ROK IN PRC--ESPECIALLY SINCE

THE CHINESE HAD ALREADY EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE TO THEM FOR A PREVIOUS CASE WHEN BRITISH HAD DONE NO MORE THAN COMMUNICATE KOREAN THANKS ONCE CHINESE HAD DECIDED TO RELEASE AN EARLIER CAPTURED FISHERMAN. SLOANE ADDED HE UNDERSTANDS THE KOREANS ARE ALREADY EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF WORKING THROUGH IRC, WITHOUT HOWEVER HOLDING OUT MUCH HOPE SINCE PRC HAS REJECTED A PREVIOUS IRC ATTEMPT TO REPRESENT KOREANS IN CHINA.

3. SLOANE SAID HE ANTICIPATES THAT ONCE HE COMMUNICATES UK REFUSAL TO ROKG, KOREANS MAY INCREASE PRESSURE ON USG FOR OUR GOOD OFFICES. HOWEVER, AS YET KOREANS HAVE NOT REITERATED THEIR REQUEST (REF A).
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